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**New Appointments to the Commission for Standards in Public Life (CSPL)**

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper OBE, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Sonia Bush as Chairman to the Commission for Standards in Public Life. In addition, Ms. J. Rosalie Twohey, Mr. Richard Addlestone and Mr. Keith Blake have each been appointed as Members of the CSPL. All appointments are for a term of four years effective 1 May 2021. These new appointments join existing Member Ms. Isatou Smith who was appointed 1 November 2018.

After serving for a period of six years, the tenure of Chairman Rosie Whittaker-Myles and Member Sheenah Hislop recently came to an end. The work of the Members during their tenure led to the commencement of the long-awaited Standards in Public Life Act and Regulations, an important step forward for good governance for the Cayman Islands. "I would like to thank Mrs. Whittaker-Myles and Ms. Hislop for their time, dedication and valuable contributions to the CSPL" His Excellency said. "I would like to especially thank Mrs. Whittaker-Myles for her guidance and leadership during her tenure" he continued.

Established under Section 117 of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, the CSPL is an independent body enshrined in the Constitution to enhance democracy in the country and ensure that there is sufficient oversight of the public sector. "I am very pleased to make these new appointments and warmly welcome the new Chairman and Members who I know will collectively continue to advance the work of the CSPL" His Excellency said.

For more information on the CSPL please visit <http://www.standardsinpubliclifecommission.ky/> .

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**Note for Editors:**

**Sonia Bush** is an Attorney at Law in the Cayman Islands as the owner and sole practitioner of Sonia Bush and Associates. Sonia obtained a LLB (Hons) degree from the University of Liverpool, and she was trained by one of Cayman's top law firms, Mourant Ozannes. Additionally, Ms. Bush obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree in International Finance, (BSc.), a Master of Business Administration Degree (MBA), a Master of Science Degree (MSc.), and a PhD in Management with a minor in Leadership. She also is a registered member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, and a designated Trust and Estate Practitioner ("TEP") since 2001. Sonia was called to the Cayman Islands Bar in July 2009, and broadened her exposure to offshore trusts, while working as an attorney at law with Mourant in Jersey, Channel Islands. Her areas of practice include Trust and Estate Planning, Business Formation, Company Incorporation, Intellectual Property including registration of Trademarks, Work Permits, Family Law, Residency, Guardianship, Wills, Probate and Administration and Real Estate. Sonia is also a Notary Public and provides this service from the Firm's office. In addition to practicing law, Sonia has worked over ten years in the financial industry in the Cayman Islands, in particular at offshore trust and banks such as Julius Baer Bank and Trust and HSBC (Cayman) as a Trust Account Manager. Mrs. Bush was appointed as Chairman effective 1 May 2021 for a four year term.

**J. Rosalie Twohey** recently took a hiatus from her post as Deputy Managing Director of Cainvest Bank and Trust Ltd in order to pursue a LLM from the University of Liverpool. Rosalie has also served as Head of Institutional and Accounting – Trust with the Bank of Butterfield, Financial Controller of Walkers Global Holdings Ltd and previously with Bank Austria Cayman Islands Ltd. In addition to her LLM, Rosalie possesses an MBA from the University of Liverpool and a BSc (Cum Laude) in Accounting from Howard University. Rosalie became a CPA in 1986. Mrs. Twohey was appointed as a Member effective 1 May 2021 for a four year term.

**Richard Addlestone** is a retired lawyer with almost thirty years of professional experience, the last eighteen of those being in Cayman working as a partner with Walkers, Appleby, and Bedell (formerly Solomon Harris). Whilst in private practice Mr. Addlestone focused primarily on private equity, investment funds, and transactional work with a secondary focus on banking and finance, as well as captive insurance and reinsurance. Prior to relocating to Cayman Mr. Addlestone practiced as an English solicitor at Paisner & Co (now Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner), LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae (subsequently, Dewey & LeBoeuf) and Denton Wilde Sapte (now Dentons). Mr. Addlestone is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales, a past member of the executive of the Cayman branch of the Alternative Investment Management Association and a former member of the Financial Services Legislative Committee's Sub-Committee for the Companies Law. He was recently appointed to the Cayman Islands Attorneys Regulation Authority. During his professional career Mr. Addlestone was heavily involved in training Caymanian attorneys and educating Cayman school children about the legal world as part of a programme sponsored by the law firm he was working with, and with university students visiting from Elon University about how the Cayman Islands operates as an Offshore Financial Centre. Throughout his time in the Cayman Islands he has participated in community charitable, cultural, and civic affairs ranging from financially supporting various bodies such as Red Cross, CCMI, the National Trust, the Queen

Elizabeth II Botanic Park, the Cayman Islands Arts Festival, and others. He has played the violin with the Cayman Islands National Orchestra and other musical ensembles for charitable fundraising events, delivered meals for Meals on Wheels, and volunteered in lionfish culls in Little Cayman, and for the Sister Islands Rock Iguana Preservation Programme. Mr. Addlestone was appointed as a Member effective 1 May 2021 for a four year term.

**Keith Blake** is a Senior Director with Alvarez & Marsal, based in the Cayman Islands. He has more than 30 years of insolvency and restructuring experience, including the last 21 years working in the Cayman Islands. After leaving school, Mr. Blake spent 10 years at NatWest Bank in the U.K., with the last 18 months of that time working in the bank's Insolvency and Debt Recovery department in London. In 1990 Mr. Blake joined KPMG in London, spending nine years working on the liquidations of a number of banks, including several that had previously traded in the secondary market of Latin American sovereign-backed debt.

Drawing upon this experience, Mr. Blake moved to KPMG in the Cayman Islands in January 2000 to assist in liquidating the Cayman and British Virgin Islands (BVI) subsidiaries of one of the (at the time) largest Brazilian international banks. Staying in the Cayman Islands, Mr. Blake continued to work at KPMG taking many appointments as Joint Voluntary Liquidator of Cayman hedge funds and other entities. In addition, Mr. Blake played a significant role as one of the Joint Receivers of the underlying companies of a major Seven Mile Beach hotel and resort that went through a financial restructuring in 2012. More recently, Mr. Blake has been appointed by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands as an Interim Administrator over a deceased person's estate. He has also acted as a Controller appointed by Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) under the Cayman Islands Mutual Funds Law. Mr. Blake is a Notary Public. Mr. Blake was appointed as a Member effective 1 May 2021 for a four year term.